



# Squint to see angels

**Abiding Faith Lutheran** is a gathering of people growing in generosity, discipleship, and outreach.

## HYMN #221 BLESSED JESUS AT YOUR WORD



1 Bless - ed Je - sus, at your Word We are gath - ered  
2 All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight Lie in deep - est  
3 Gra - cious Sav - ior, good and kind, Light from Light, from  
4 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, Praise to you and



all to hear you. Let our hearts and souls be stirred  
dark - ness shroud - ed Till your Spir - it breaks our night  
God pro - ceed - ing, O - pen now our heart and mind;  
ad - o - ra - tion! Grant that we your Word may trust,



Now to seek and love and fear you, By your teach - ings,  
With the beams of truth un - cloud - ed. You a - lone to  
Help us by your Spir - it's plead - ing. Hear the cry your  
Con - fi - dent of our sal - va - tion, While we here be -



sweet and ho - ly, Drawn from earth to love you sole - ly.  
God can win us; You must work all good with - in us.  
peo - ple rais - es; Hear and bless our prayers and prais - es.  
low must wan - der, Till we sing your prais - es yon - der.

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you  
**And also with you.**

We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

**Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

**Amen.**

In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are  
they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -  
ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -  
ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -  
ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.  
Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, you command your angels concerning us to guard us in all of our ways. Mercifully grant their protection today and always so we know with you, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, we are never alone.

**Amen.**

## DANIEL 10

<sup>10</sup> A hand touched me and set me trembling on my hands and knees.

<sup>11</sup> He said, “Daniel, you who are highly esteemed, consider carefully the words I am about to speak to you, and stand up, for I have now been sent to you.” And when he said this to me, I stood up trembling.

<sup>12</sup> Then he continued, “Do not be afraid, Daniel. Since the first day that you set your mind to gain understanding and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard, and I have come in response to them.

<sup>13</sup> But the prince of the Persian kingdom resisted me twenty-one days. Then Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, because I was detained there with the king of Persia. <sup>14</sup> Now I have come to explain to you what will happen to your people in the future, for the vision concerns a time yet to come.”



## DANIEL 12

“At that time Michael, the great prince who protects your people, will arise. There will be a time of distress such as has not happened from the beginning of nations until then. But at that time your people—everyone whose name is found written in the book—will be delivered.

<sup>2</sup> Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt. <sup>3</sup> Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.

## PSALM 91

Verses are sung responsively and refrain in unison following a musical introduction to the refrain.

### *Refrain*



Be - cause you are my help, I sing in the shad-ow of your wings.

### *Psalm tone*



He who dwells in the shelter of the / Most High

**will rest in the shadow of the Al- / mighty.**

I will say / of the LORD,

**"He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in / whom I trust."**

Surely he will save you from the / fowler's snare

**and from the deadly / pestilence.**

He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find / refuge;

**his faithfulness will be your shield and / rampart. Refrain**

You will not fear the terror of night, nor the arrow that / flies by day,

**nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness, nor the plague that destroys at / midday.**

A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at / your right hand,

**but it will not come / near you. Refrain**

If you make the Most High your dwelling—even the LORD, who is my / refuge—

**then no harm will befall you, no disaster will come / near your tent.**

For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in / all your ways;

**they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot / gainst a stone.**

Glory be to the Father and / to the Son

**And to the Holy / Spirit**

**As it was in the be / ginning**

**Is now, and will be forever. / Amen Refrain**

## REVELATION 12

<sup>7</sup>And there was war in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought back. <sup>8</sup>But he was not strong enough, and they lost their place in heaven. <sup>9</sup>The great dragon was hurled down—that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him. <sup>10</sup>Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say: “Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Christ. For the accuser of our brothers, who accuses them before our God day and night, has been hurled down. <sup>11</sup>They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death. <sup>12</sup>Therefore rejoice, you heavens and you who dwell in them! But woe to the earth and the sea, because the devil has gone down to you! He is filled with fury, because he knows that his time is short.”

## VERSE OF THE DAY

*He will command His angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.*

C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

## LUKE 10

<sup>17</sup>The seventy-two returned with joy and said, “Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name.” <sup>18</sup>He replied, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. <sup>19</sup>I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you. <sup>20</sup>However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

## HYMN: #198 AROUND THE THRONE OF GOD A BAND



1 A - round the throne of God a band Of  
 2 Some wait a - round him, read - y still To  
 3 Lord, give your an - gels ev - 'ry day Com -  
 4 Then shall no wick - ed thing draw near To

glo - rious an - gels ev - er stand; Bright  
 sing his praise and do his will, And  
 mand to guide us on our way, And  
 do us harm or cause us fear, And

things they see, sweet harps they hold, And  
 some, when he com - mands them, go To  
 bid them ev - 'ry eve - ning keep Their  
 we shall live, when life is past, With

on their heads are crowns of gold.  
 guard his ser - vants here be - low.  
 watch a - round us while we sleep.  
 an - gels round your throne at last.

## SERMON: PSALM 91

*Squint to see angels.*



## APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## FRIENDSHIP REGISTER AND OFFERING

- **Text2Give** Text the amount to 615-490-0996
- **PayPal** Visit [abiding-faith.org/give](http://abiding-faith.org/give)
- **Swipe Debit/Credit Card** Login to iPad near Coffee with PIN 1041
- **EFT** Set up recurring withdrawals from your bank. Contact Ted Ewald, Treasurer

## LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

## LORD'S BLESSING

Brothers and sisters, go in peace.  
Live in harmony with one another.  
Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

**Amen.**



# HYMN: #431 V4 I WALK IN DANGER ALL THE WAY

1 I walk in dan - ger all the way; The thought  
 2 I pass through tri - als all the way; With sin  
 3 Grim death pur - sues me all the way; No - where  
 4 I walk with an - gels all the way; They shield  
 5 I walk with Je - sus all the way; His guid -

shall nev - er leave me That Sa - tan, who has  
 and ills con - tend - ing; In pa - tience I must  
 I rest se - cure - ly. He comes by night, he  
 me and be - friend me. All Sa - tan's pow'r is  
 ance nev - er fails me. He takes my ev - 'ry

marked his prey, Is plot - ting to de - ceive  
 bear each day, The cross of God's own send -  
 comes by day, And takes his prey most sure -  
 held at bay When heav'n - ly hosts at - tend  
 fear a - way When Sa - tan's pow'r as - sails

me. This foe with hid - den snares May seize me  
 ing. Oft in ad - ver - si - ty I know not  
 ly. A fail - ing breath, and I In death's strong  
 me. They are my sure de - fense; All fear and  
 me, And, by his foot - steps led, My path I

un - a - wares If e'er I fail to watch and  
 where to flee When storms of woe my soul dis -  
 grasp may lie To face e - ter - ni - ty to -  
 sor - row, hence! Un - harmed by foes, do what they  
 safe - ly tread. In spite of ills that threat - en

pray; I walk in dan - ger all the way.  
 may; I pass through tri - als all the way.  
 day, Grim death pur - sues me all the way.  
 may, I walk with an - gels all the way.  
 may, I walk with Je - sus all the way.

## SERVICE SCHEDULE

# OPPORTUNITIES

**BUILD FAITH TODAY:** Would you like to join our church family? Pastor Schleis teaches a Faithbuilders class that builds faith through the basic teachings of the Bible. We meet for class around your schedule – evenings, weekends, daytime, etc. Contact Pastor Schleis to chat. Thx.

**MINISTRY SUPPORT UPDATE:** Thank you for your generous support of our ministry. Your gifts of time, talent, and treasure allow us to fulfill God’s mission and vision for us.

**Honor the LORD with all your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing and your vats will brim over with new wine.** Proverbs 3:9-10

Needed	Received	Difference	Weekly Need

**AUGUST MINISTRY UPDATE:** Thank you, church family, for your input and advice at our recent Listening Session. Please read our recent Ministry Update to learn more about worship, livestreaming, small groups, Sunday School, and outreach activities.

Grab a copy of our August Ministry Update either printed in our Fellowship Hall or online @ [bitly.com/Aug20Update](https://bitly.com/Aug20Update)

**TAKE HOME SUNDAY SCHOOL:** In these turbulent times, let’s build faith on the rock-solid truths of God’s Word. Together.

- Youth Sunday School will have crafts and other regular Sunday School goodies
- Teen and Adult Sunday School will have thought-provoking questions w/ God’s answers
- All ages will study the same stories for family conversations and encouragement

**MARRIAGE MOMENTS:** Every marriage has its “moments.” That’s why marriages need moments of encouragement and refreshment.

*Marriage Moments* are short, weekly videos highlighting one Biblical marriage thought accompanied by a discussion question. Subscribe to these free marriage resources @ [welscongregationalservices.net/subscriptions/](https://welscongregationalservices.net/subscriptions/)



# SUPPORT GROUP

RESILIENT is our Christian Support Group that meets on Tuesdays @ 7pm for community, comfort, and Christ. This group is open to all regardless what you are struggling with – anxiety, depression, worry, grief, abuse, loss...Consider joining us! All are welcome!

What makes RESILIENT different from other Support Groups is that the solution to your problems is never YOU. It's never up to you to work harder, do more, change others, etc.

Instead, we find comfort and community in Christ, not our works.

	<p>Stress will kill you. Why not ask for help first? ☺</p> <p>Steve Jobs said he's never found anyone to say NO! when he asked for help. Maybe we should ask more...</p> <p>Join us for <b>Resilient, our Christian Support Group, on Tuesday 10/13 @ 7p</b> for Christian community and comfort.</p>
	<p>You tell yourself – I'm strong, I'm smart, I'm sassy enough to GET THROUGH THIS</p> <p>Then you crash, again. Even sassy sheep need a Shepherd.</p> <p>Join us for <b>Resilient, our Christian Support Group, on Tuesday 10/27 @ 7p</b> for Christian community and comfort.</p>

# SMALL GROUPS

Join us for our Men (Grill Kings) and Women (WINGS – Women in God’s Service) Small Groups that gather monthly for fellowship and faith. We'll gather at church for social distancing and follow CDC guidelines for food service and handling.

**Saturday Oct 17 @ 5p**



Stress will kill you.  
Anxiety will eat you alive.  
Worry will leave you broken.

Where can we go for comfort?  
Lasting comfort... unlike social media?

Let's find comfort for body, mind, and soul in Christ and Christian fellowship.

Join us for **WINGS - Women in God's Service - a ladies small group** that gathers for comfort. **Sat 10/17 @ 5p**

RSVP to Kim Irwin @  by Wed 10/14 so she can plan enough food.

Bring \$5 (to cover the meal) and a friend.

**Saturday Nov 14 @ 5p**



You wake up, hoping it's going to be a better day. It's not. It's really not.

Where do you find brotherhood and strength to smile through the pain?

Join us for **Grill Kings, our men's ministry** where with God and good grub we admit our weaknesses, create lasting friendships, and find comfort in grace, not our works.

We'll gather at church for social distancing and follow CDC guidelines for food service and handling.



How can we love and serve our neighbor? Food!

Bring your donations of perishable and non-perishable items for Nourish Food Bank in Smyrna.

Current needs:

Canned Meats

Breakfast Items

Soup/Broth/Ramen

Dried Rice/Dried Beans

Hygiene Items

Feminine Products

Instant Potatoes

Cream of Mushroom

Gravy Mix

Canned Yams/Sweet Potatoes

Canned Pineapple

Cooking Items (Sugar, Flour, Oil, Etc)

Fried Onions

Cranberry Sauce

We'll collect them in September and serve on **Saturday October 24<sup>th</sup> from 9-11a** by stocking shelves, carrying items to cars, and letting our light shine.

Please plan on donating and serving. The experience is eye-opening and very rewarding.

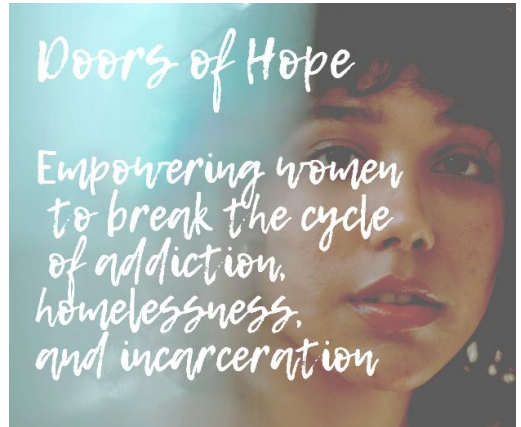
# HELPING WOMEN

Can you help provide a meal to women looking to break the cycle of addiction, homelessness, and incarceration?

We are partnering with **Doors of Hope** in Murfreesboro by providing a meal for 20-25 women on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of every month.

We are looking for donations monthly to cover the cost of the meal (approximately \$70). We are also looking to expand to serve ladies on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of every month.

Contact Kim Irwin if you are interested in learning more or donating funds for this project. While we are limited from meeting with the ladies (due to Covid-19 restrictions), we pray we can serve them, earn their trust, and find opportunities for witnessing the Gospel.



# COMMUNITY NIGHT

It's not good for us to be alone.

Let's get social while keeping our social distance ☺

Join us for Community Night for free food, fun, and fellowship around the fire.



**Sat Oct 24 @ 5p**

- Volleyball
- BBQ
- Basketball
- Soccer
- Cornhole
- Smares
- Free
- Outdoors
- Open to all

Join us and bring a friend.

Please bring a dish to pass for the potluck.



# COTTAGE MEETINGS

2020 has been ridiculous, unexpected, humbling.  
How can we grow in faith during uncertain times?

Each year, all members of Abiding Faith (ages 10 and over) gather for small group Bible study, prayer, and worship we call Cottage Meetings. These informal, purposeful gatherings provide practical teaching and encouragement for our year ahead in faith.

This year's story is the ridiculous, unexpected, humbling time Jesus disciples brought a boys lunch to feed 10K people and Jesus said **Thank you, Father.**

Jesus can do a lot with our little ☺

Register online (preferred) or signup in Fellowship Hall

- Sun Nov 1 @ 11:35a
- Sun Nov 8 @ 11:35a
- Tue Nov 10 @ 10a

## WORK DAY

Can you help?

- **Lawn** –aerate, spray weeds, overseed, fertilize
- **Bushes** - trim
- **Brush** – trim, haul, reclaim overgrowth areas for Soccer Camp 2021
- **Windows** – wash, clean

Join us for 2 hours of work on Saturday morning, October 17<sup>th</sup>. Contact Luke Nasgovitz or Pastor Schleis with questions.



- Sun Nov 15 @ 11:35a
- Mon Nov 16 @ 7p

